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Mr. Charles Terreni
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Re: Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. for Approval of Slight
Modification of Print Size in Directories
Docket No.: 2004-349-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing are the original and ten copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s ("BST's") Motion for Expedited Ruling on Petition on the Basis of Verified Testimony in the above-referenced matter.

As explained in the Motion, BST has published the Commission's Notice of Filing in compliance with the Commission's directives, the deadline for intervention or other participation in this docket has expired, and no person or entity has intervened or otherwise participated in this docket. Moreover the annual \$2.5 million reduction in directory-related expenses described in the Petition can be fully realized only if the Commission approves BST's Petition on or before January 26, 2005. Finally, as of the date of this Motion, the only remaining approval BST needs to fully realize this expense reduction on a regional (nine-state) basis is the approval of this Commission. BST, therefore, respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Petition on the basis of the verified testimony supporting the Petition (which was filed with the Commission on December 7, 2004) as quickly as possible and no later than its next regularly-scheduled meeting on January 26, 2005.

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By copy of this letter, I am serving counsel for the Commission and for the Office of Regulatory Staff with a copy of this Motion as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick W. Turner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patrick W. Turner

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Enclosure

cc: David Butler, Esq.
Florence Belser, Esq

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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2004-349-C

In Re:

Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications,)	MOTION FOR EXPEDITED
Inc. for Approval of Slight Modification of)	RULING ON PETITION
Print Size in Directories)	ON THE BASIS OF
)	VERIFIED TESTIMONY
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I. INTRODUCTION

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BST") respectfully submits this Motion to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission"). As explained below, BST has published the Commission's Notice of Filing in compliance with the Commission's directives, the deadline for intervention or other participation in this docket has expired, and no person or entity has intervened or otherwise participated in this docket. Moreover the annual \$2.5 million reduction in directory-related expenses described in the Petition can be fully realized only if the Commission approves BST's Petition on or before January 26, 2005. Finally, as of the date of this Motion, the only remaining approval BST needs to fully realize this expense reduction on a regional (nine-state) basis is the approval of this Commission. BST, therefore, respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Petition on the basis of the verified testimony supporting

the Petition (which was filed with the Commission on December 7, 2004) as quickly as possible, and no later than its next regularly-scheduled meeting.¹

II. FACTS SUPPORTING EXPEDITED RULING ON THE BASIS OF VERIFIED TESTIMONY

On December 7, 2004, BST filed a Petition seeking approval of a slight modification of the print size in the white pages section of directories that are published and distributed on its behalf. On the same day, BST filed the verified testimony of Nelson D. Alcantara (consisting of 8 pages and 2 exhibits) in support of its Petition. In summary, Mr. Alcantara's verified testimony and exhibits show that:

the slight modification BST is proposing will not affect the readability of directories (Verified Testimony at 4-5; Exhibits NDA-1 & NDA-2);

the proposed modification will create a smaller directory that is lighter and easier to handle; (Verified Testimony at 5-6);

the proposed modification will favorably impact the environment by decreasing the amount of paper utilized in printing directories and by decreasing the amount of waste paper produced once a directory reaches the end of its life cycle (*Id.*);

directory-related expenses will be reduced by approximately \$2.5 million annually if approval is obtained on a regional basis on or before January 26, 2005 (*Id.* at 6-7); and

absent Commission approval by January 26, 2005, it is unclear how much, if any, of this expense reduction can be realized. (*Id.* at 7-8).

On December 15, 2004, the Commission delivered a Notice of Filing to BST and directed BST to have the Notice published one time in newspapers of general circulation in the affected areas

¹ The next regularly-scheduled Commission meeting is January 26, 2005, which is the deadline for ordering paper for directories. See Verified Testimony of Nelson Alcantara at 7. While it clearly is preferable to obtain approval prior to this date, arrangements have been made such that the full benefits set forth in the Petition can be realized if the Commission approves the Petition at its January 26, 2005 meeting. Alternatively, the Commission has the authority to

on or before December 20, 2004. The Commission also directed BST to provide the Commission with Proof of Publication on or before January 3, 2005. On December 30, 2004, BST filed publisher affidavits with the Commission in compliance with these directives.

The Notice establishes January 10, 2005 as the deadline for any person or entity to: file a Petition to Intervene; notify the Commission of a desire to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if one is scheduled; and/or notify the Commission of a desire to be notified of the hearing, if one is scheduled. As of the filing of this Motion, the Commission's website does not reflect any such filing or notification by any person or entity. Moreover, BST is unaware of any such filing or notification by any person or entity.

schedule a special meeting to rule on BST's Petition prior to January 26, 2005. *See, e.g.*, S.C. Code Ann. §58-3-90 (Supp. 2004).

III. CONCLUSION

Given that the Petition is supported by verified testimony, and given that no person or entity has intervened or otherwise participated in this docket, BST respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Petition as quickly as possible, and no later than January 26, 2005.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of January, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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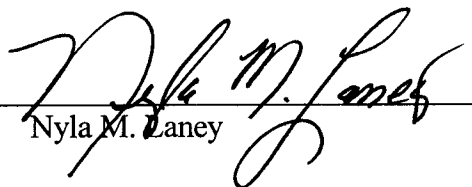
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The undersigned, Nyla M. Laney, hereby certifies that she is employed by the Legal Department for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and that she has caused BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Motion for Expedited Ruling on Petition on the Basis of Verified Testimony in Docket No. 2004-349-C to be served on the following this January 12, 2005:

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